

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Vermonters are dependent on clean water to protect public health; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont's more than 800 lakes and ponds, 23,000 miles of rivers and streams, and 300,000 acres of wetlands offer abundant recreational opportunities, enhance the state's scenic beauty, and provide critical wildlife habitats; and

**WHEREAS,** clean water is essential to sustaining our quality of life and the economic prosperity of Vermont, supporting a robust tourism economy, attracting new businesses and residents to the state, and maintaining property values; and

**WHEREAS,** the Association of Clean Water Administrators (ACWA) will gather for its 56<sup>th</sup> annual meeting August 20-23, 2017 in Burlington, Vermont, under the leadership of its president Peter LaFlamme, Director, Watershed Management Division, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation; and

**WHEREAS,** ACWA is the independent, nonpartisan, national organization of state and interstate water program directors who implement the water quality programs of the Clean Water Act and ensure clean and safe water across our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Vermont and our programs that protect and restore Vermont's waters have benefitted from ACWA's collaborative relationships with the United States Congress, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Geological Survey, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim August 20-26, 2017 as

**CLEAN WATER WEEK**


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 2nd day of August, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs